CAN I BE EVICTED
during the COVID-19 crisis in Northern Illinois?

Prairie State Legal Services
Equal Access to Justice

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What is the reason for eviction?

Late with rent or didn't pay

Do you live in subsidized housing?

Yes

If you have a "Section 8" voucher OR you live in:

- Section 8 project-based housing,
- Public housing,
- HUD-subsidized senior housing,
- Other HUD-subsidized housing,
- USDA-subsidized housing,
- Tax credit or "LIHTC" housing

NO.

Evictions and late fees are paused for 120 days - until July 25 - by the federal stimulus (CARES) Act. After that, 30 days' notice is required.

NOTE: If you have subsidized housing and have lost income, you should ask for an interim recertification right away.

No

Does your landlord have a federally-backed mortgage

Yes

If your landlord has a HUD (including FHA), USDA, VA, Fannie Mae, or Freddie Mac mortgage:

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No

NO.

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Violation other than rent payment

NO.

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TIP: How do I know what kind of mortgage my landlord has?

Your landlord may be able to tell you, and if not, they can look up whether they have a Fannie Mae/ Freddie Mac-backed loan on the Fannie/Freddie websites.

You can try to call these numbers yourself to find out about the loan:
1-800-2FANNIE (1-800-232-6643)
1-800-FREDDIE (1-800-373-3343)

Talk to a lawyer if you have questions and check back for updated info!

It is illegal for your landlord to lock you out without an eviction order from a court! If this happens to you, you should seek legal assistance. You may be eligible for free legal help through Prairie State Legal Services at 800-892-2985.

NOTE: While evictions are currently paused, tenants are still required to pay rent. If tenants do not, they may face eviction after the moritorium ends.

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